

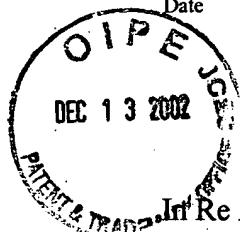
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following amendments to the above-identified patent application prior to examination thereof:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please cancel claims 69, 70, and 80.~~

~~Please amend claims 54, 64, 71, 79, 81, and 94-96 as indicated in Appendix A. The amended claims will then read as follows:~~

54. (Amended) A tissue plug for use in sealing an opening in a patient's tissue, comprising a solid object having a platen surface, which is adapted to cover the opening, contact the perimeter about the opening, or both; wherein the solid object is comprised of a material that is resorbable by the patient in a maximum of about 90 days and that is selected from the group consisting of: frozen physiologic saline; polyethylene glycol chemically conjugated to a naturally occurring compound; and a conjugate of collagen and a synthetic hydrophilic polymer.

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B. Ind. Claims	5	-	5	=	0	x	\$84	=	0.00
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